GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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HANDLOOM EXPORT ZONES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Handloom Export Zones (HEZs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the location identified for setting up of the same, State-wise ;

(c) the funds allocated and released for the purpose,State- wise;

(d) the extent to which the handloom industry likely to be benefited by such zones;

(e) whether the Government also proposes to set up expert panel for preparing fibre policy;and

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the composition of said panel?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): The Handloom Export Promotion Council has started implementing Handloom Export Zone projects in Nagercoil, Kancheepuram, Thiruvannamalai, Nagapattinam and Thiruvallur with the financial aid from State agencies. These projects aim to establish Common Facility Centres, increase productivity and quality of handloom products,looms upgradation etc.

(c): The Handloom Export Zone projects are being implemented with financial aid from State agencies.

(d): The Handloom Export Zone projects will create a supply hub for home textiles for export markets with trained workforce.

(e) & (f): There is no proposal to set up expert panel for preparing fibre policy.